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LAND FOR SALE. I OFFER for sale a Tract of Land, lying on both sides of Turkey Creek, in Abbeville District, about five miles North of Cokesbury Depot, on the Cambridge road, containing 684 Acres. About one hundred and fourteen acres bottom land, some fifty of which is mill-pond bottom of the richest and most productive quality; three hundred acres fine woodland; the balance cleared and in cultivation. On the premises are a comfortable Dwelling-house, having nine rooms; all necessary out-buildings, a Blacksmith Shop, and a Fine Merchant Mill. This place is situated in one of the most desirable and healthy neighborhoods in the District or State. The place was formerly owned by Reuben Robertson, deceased, and is known as "the Robertson place." Persons desiring to purchase land, would do well to come and see this tract, as I am confident they will be pleased with it, as well as the terms on which I will sell. MARY N. ROBERTSON. Nov. 1, 1854. 26

NEW FALL GOODS, AT CHAMBERS & MARSHALL'S CHEAP CASH STORE. No. 1 Granite Range, Abbeville C. H. WE are now prepared to show a large and well assorted stock of New Fall Goods, comprising the latest styles in DRESS GOODS, SILK MANTILLAS, CLOTH TALMAS, EMBROIDERIES, &c., &c.; also, LADIES' GAITERS and SHOES. We would respectfully invite an inspection of our Negro Goods—GEORGIA PLAINS, KERSEYS, BLANKETS, and OSNABURGS. Also, a large assortment of BROGANS; all of which we are now selling at Columbia and Charleston prices, for CASH only. Planters would do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. Oct. 10, 1854. 23

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District.—In the Common Pleas Court, in and for said District, at the Court House, in said District, on the 20th day of January, 1854, the said Court, in and for said District, do hereby certify that the said Declaration, in and for said District, is a true and correct copy of the original thereof, as the same appears from the records of said Court, in and for said District. MATTHEW McDONALD, C. C. P. Clerk's Office, Abbeville District, November 20, 1854. 17

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COLUMBIA ADVERTISEMENTS. FISHER & AGNEW & CO., COURT HOUSE RANGE, COLUMBIA, S. C. DIRECT IMPORTERS OF English Hardware, Cutlery, Guns, &c., &c. WOULD call the attention of the citizens of Abbeville to their stock of Hardware, Paints, Oils, Window Glass, &c. Consisting, in part, as follows, viz: Flat, Round, Square, Oval, Half-oval, Band, Sheet and Hoop IRON; Brads, Nails, Spikes, Tacks, Pot-ware, Fire Dogs, Fan Gearing, Mill Irons, Bolting Cloths, Axes, Spades, Shovels, Hoes, Tea Kettles, Traces and Wagon Chains of all kinds, Seythes, Hooks, Hinges, Latches, Wire, Saws, Wire, Cotton and Wool Cards, Waffle Irons, Gunpowder, Blasting Powder, Percussion Caps, Patent Safety Fuse, Shot, Lead, Mill Saws, Cross-cut Saws, Wagon Boxes, Carpenter's Tools in endless variety, Anvils, Vices, Screw Plates, Stocks and Dies, Bellows, Cast, German and Blister Steel, Borax, Carriage Springs, Axles, Hubs, Shafts, Fellos, Patent Leather, Enamelled Cloth, Dash Frames, Bolts, Malleable Castings, Knobs, Laces, Brass and Silver Plated Bands, and Carriage Materials generally. Pure White Lead, Chrome Green, Paris Green, and Paints of all kinds, Window Glass, Putty, Varnishes, Japan, Linseed Oil, Spirit Turpentine, &c. Their stock comprises the largest and best assortment in Columbia, is purchased on the very best terms, and will be sold at a small advance for cash. Orders, accompanied with satisfactory reference, will receive prompt attention, and all goods will be delivered at the Railroad Depot free of charge for drayage. FISHER & AGNEW & CO. Columbia, Oct. 25, 1854. 25

TRANSPARENT WINDOW SHADES, PAPER-HANGINGS AND MATTRESSES! 177 King-Street, Charleston, S. C. THE subscriber has on hand a large assortment, and is constantly receiving by the steamers, the latest patterns of WINDOW SHADES and PAPER-HANGINGS, for sale wholesale and retail. Transparent WINDOW SHADES, of every style and variety, from 50 cents to \$4 each; French and American PAPER-HANGINGS, and BORDERS, of the latest patterns, from 64 cents to \$8 per Roll. A large variety of CORNICES, Lace and Muslin CURTAINS, Damask and Satin DELAINES, Centre Tassels, Loops, Bands, Pins, Venetian Blinds, Cane Blinds, Mattresses, Cushions, Fire Screens, &c. All kinds of UPHOLSTERING; and the business, as usual, attended to in all its branches. MATTRESSES—Moss, Cotton, Wool and Hair Mattresses, always on hand, made from the best material. Also Bolsters, Pillows, Feather Beds and Palliastres. Call and see them—prices reasonable. To persons wishing any of the above articles to sell, a discount will be made. The prices of this establishment are moderate and uniform, and as low as any other establishment. H. W. KINSMAN. March 25, 1854. 46

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Bargains in Dry-Goods. GREAT REDUCTION! M. STRAUSS, --- Cokesbury. THE Subscriber respectfully informs his friends and customers that he is now in receipt of a NEW STOCK of Fall and Winter Goods, At greatly reduced prices; consisting of a general assortment of seasonable Dry Goods, viz: Gingham, Moulin de Laines, Merinos, Cashmeres, Scotch Plaids, Alpaca, Black Silks, etc.; Kerseys, Georgia Plains, Satinets, Cassimeres, and Broad Cloths; Blankets, Flannels, and Linseys; also, a full assortment of Hosiery, Embroideries, Ribbons and Gloves; READY-MADE CLOTHING, BEBBE HATS and CAPS, BOOTS and SHOES, HARDWARE, GROCERY, and GROCERIES, at very low prices, and for Cash, at Market price. Also, a very fine assortment of NEGROES' BROGANS, SALT, BAGGING, ROPE, and TWINE. Cokesbury, Oct. 1854. 25

AUGUSTA ADVERTISEMENTS. SIMPSON & GARDINER, WAREHOUSE AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, M'INTOSH ST., AUGUSTA GA. WILL continue the Ware-house and Commission Business in their FIRE-PROOF BUILDING on M'Intosh Street, in all its branches, and hope by strict personal attention to the interests of all who may put business in their hands, to merit public favor. Orders for BAGGING, ROPE and FAMILY SUPPLIES filled at the lowest market price. Cash Advances made when required on produce in store. J. R. SIMPSON. [J. T. GARDINER. August 29, 1854. 10 6m

Whitlock, Caskery & Co., WAREHOUSE AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. CAMPBELL ST., AUGUSTA GA. THE Undersigned respectfully inform their friends and the Public generally, that they still continue the above BUSINESS, at their old Stand, where they will give their undivided attention to all business entrusted to their care. Liberal Cash Advances made on Produce in store. Orders for BAGGING, ROPE and FAMILY SUPPLIES, Carefully filled at the lowest Market rates. J. W. WHITLOCK, JOHN CASKERY, A. J. WHITLOCK. August 12, '54. 14 6m

NEW SPRING GOODS. RICH TWISTED SILKS, BAREGES AND TISSUES, ORGANDIES, JACONETS, BRILLIANTS, FRENCH CALICOES, EMBROIDERIES. MILLER & WARREN have received a large stock of the above GOODS, which, for novelty, beauty and variety, are believed to be unsurpassed in any market; and having been selected from the very latest importations, our customers will find them to be the newest and choicest Goods of the season. A beautiful line of GOODS for Misses' wear, consisting of Rich BAREGE ROBES, (something new); Neat French MUSLINS and BRILLIANTS; Plain, Buff, Pink, Blue and fawn colored FRENCH CAMBRICS; French, English and American PRINTS. We have also a handsome stock of GOODS for Gents and Boys' wear, which we would be pleased to show our customers and the public, assuring them that our prices will be as cheap as the cheapest. Persons from the country, would do well to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere. Augusta, Ga., Apr. 22d 1854. 40

Notice. THE Estate of the late D. F. CLEARY, deceased, are now due, and have been placed in court for payment. Persons owing the Estate, will make payment before the 15th of February. Those holding demands against the Estate, will present the same to us, properly attested. McGOWEN & FERRIS. Feb. 4 1854. Attys for Adm'r.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District. JOHN AGNER, who is in the custody of the Sheriff of Abbeville District, by virtue of a writ of Habeas Corpus, at the suit of Abner L. Gray, having filed in my office, and with a schedule, on oath of his own hand, of his petition that he may be admitted to the benefit of the Acts of General Assembly made for the relief of insolvent debtors. It is ordered that the said A. L. Gray, and all other the Creditors to whom the said John Agner is an aggregate indebted, do and they are hereby summoned, and have notice to appear before the said Court, at Abbeville Court House, on the first Monday in January, A. D. 1855, consent to the same will be taken, and a writ of Habeas Corpus, shall be issued, and the said John Agner, shall be released from the custody of the Sheriff of Abbeville District. Ordinary's office, Oct. 3, 1854.

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New and Wonderful Machine. WILLIAM STODDARD, Proprietor. THE Subscriber having purchased the Right for the State of South Carolina in the only Machine now invented, for RIPPING and SHAVING SHINGLES, BARREL HEADING, &c., is prepared to sell the Right of the Districts, or single Machines, at prices sufficiently low to make it an inducement for purchase. The Machine being simple in its construction, and not liable to get out of order, is capable of Splitting and Shaving Two Thousand Shingles per hour—better than made by hand. It is portable, and can be worked by hand, horse or steam power. Ten to fifteen days work of a Machine will make enough Shingles to pay the price asked for a single one. Large inducements are offered to persons wishing to purchase the right of several Districts. One of the Machines can be seen in operation in the City of Augusta, at Wm. H. Goodrich's Planing Mill, and one also may be seen in a short time at Mr. J. Witt's Machine Shop, at Edgfield C. H. THOS. G. LAMAR. Hamburg, S. C., April 29, 1854. 51-47

Cotton Gins. THE subscribers, having had nine years experience, and given universal satisfaction to their patrons, being now fully prepared with good machinery and the best of workmen, feel safe in saying to the Cotton Planters in general in this and the adjoining States, that they can furnish them with the best COTTON GINS now made. They could offer a host of certificates, but believing the warrantee to be sufficient, they will say, send on your orders through the mail, or their agents, who will visit the most, if not all the Planters in reasonable bounds. S. H. & WM. OGLESBY, Elberton, Elbert county, Ga. Feb. 4 89

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District.—In Equity. John Brown and William Tuit, Executors, vs. Macklin Brown, Ursiah Brown, et al. Bill for Partition of Land and Accounts.

Appearing to my satisfaction, that Macklin Brown, Atkins Corley, Joseph Deason, and Beatrice Deason, Henry Bailey, Susan Bailey, and Elizabeth Bailey, Defendants in the above Bill, reside beyond the limits of this State; On motion of D. F. Jones, complainant's Attorney, Ordered that said defendants do appear, and plead, answer or demur to said Bill within three months from the publication hereof, or the same will be taken pro confesso against them. H. A. JONES, Clerk of said Court. Commissioner's office, Sept. 3, 1854.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District.—In the Court of Chancery. Dudley Mabry, applicant against Wm. W. Mabry, Haywood, Gibbs and wife, James Mabry, et al. Petition for Partition of Land and Accounts. Appearing to my satisfaction, that Wm. W. Mabry, Haywood, Gibbs and wife, James Mabry, et al., Defendants in the above Bill, reside without the limits of this State; therefore ordered that they do appear, and plead, answer or demur to said Bill within three months from the publication hereof, or the same will be taken pro confesso against them. Wm. W. Mabry, deceased, on the 21st day of February in January, A. D. 1854, consent to the same will be taken, and a writ of Habeas Corpus, shall be issued, and the said John Agner, shall be released from the custody of the Sheriff of Abbeville District. Ordinary's office, Oct. 3, 1854.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District.—In the Court of Chancery. Margaret Dale, widow, vs. John Dale, et al. Petition for Partition of Land and Accounts. Appearing to my satisfaction, that John Dale, et al., Defendants in the above Bill, reside without the limits of this State; therefore ordered that they do appear, and plead, answer or demur to said Bill within three months from the publication hereof, or the same will be taken pro confesso against them. Wm. W. Mabry, deceased, on the 21st day of February in January, A. D. 1854, consent to the same will be taken, and a writ of Habeas Corpus, shall be issued, and the said John Agner, shall be released from the custody of the Sheriff of Abbeville District. Ordinary's office, Oct. 3, 1854.